

II. POLICY STATEMENT
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**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM
POLICY STATEMENT**

Official Order 104583

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet ("Cabinet") agrees to a policy of nondiscrimination in the award and administration of United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT")-assisted contracts in its Federal highway, transit and airport financial assistance program.

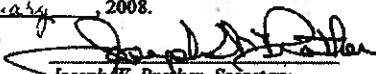
The Cabinet has established a narrowly tailored disadvantaged business enterprise ("DBE") program, in accordance with applicable law, for the purpose of (a) creating a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for USDOT-assisted contracts; (b) ensuring that only firms that fully meet the eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs; (c) helping to remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in USDOT-assisted contracts; (d) assisting the development of firms that can compete successfully in the marketplace outside the DBE program, and (e) providing appropriate flexibility to sub-recipients and contractors in establishing and providing opportunities for DBEs.

Furthermore, the Cabinet, its sub-recipients, contractors and subcontractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the award and performance of USDOT-assisted contracts or in the administration of its DBE program or the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26.

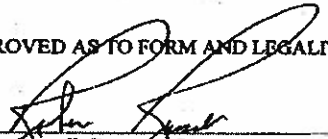
The Cabinet shall take all necessary and reasonable steps under 49 CFR Part 26 to implement this policy with its sub-recipients, contractors and subcontractors.

This policy shall be prominently posted throughout the Cabinet and to the DBE and non-DBE business communities that perform work on the Cabinet's USDOT-assisted contracts.

Signed and approved this 1st day of February, 2008.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY


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